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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2317

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CUL, PINT, KU  
SUBJECT: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA

REF: STATE 084164

1. DURING A GENERALDISCUSSION WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME  
MINISTER/MINISTER OF INFORMATION SHEIKH JABER AL-ALI ON  
APRIL 18, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THE 11TH WORLD  
YOUTH FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN HAVANA JULY 26 AND MADE  
POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. UNDER COVER OF A LETTER DAZED  
JAN. 24, I HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED SHEIKH JABER AL-ALI WITH  
A STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED BY THE  
USSR AND USED GENERALLY TO SUPPORT POLICY OBJECTIVES.

2. SHEIKH JABER AL-ALI RECALLED THE STUDY AND THANKED ME  
FOR THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL.  
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HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT THE HAVANA MEETING WAS NOT REALLY  
OF TOO MUCH CONCERN TO KUWAIT. HE DID NOT KNOW WHO  
WOULD ATTEND BUT EXPECTED THAT SOME OF THE YOUNG MEMBERS OF  
THE KUWAIT WORKERS CONFEDERATION MIGHT ATTEND. SUCH  
ATTENDANCE WAS NOT MOTIVATED, IN HIS VIEW, BY IDEOLOGICAL  
INTERESTS BUT RATHER BY FACT THAT IT PROVIDED AN  
OPPORTUNITY FOR A FREE TRIP TO HAVANA AND POSSIBILITY FOR

SOME PUBLICITY WHICH WAS ALWAYS ATTRACTIVE TO THESE  
YOUNG PEOPLE.

3. I ASKED WHETHER HE EXPECTED SOME KUWAIT UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS TO ATTEND AS WELL. HE WAS UNSURE, BUT HE THOUGHT  
THERE MIGHT BE SOME NON-KUWAITI STUDENTS FROM THE KUWAIT  
UNIVERSITY, POSSIBLY BAHRAINIS OR PALESTINIANS, WHO WOULD  
JOIN THE KUWAITI DELEGATION. HE DID NOT THINK THAT THERE  
WOULD BE ANY SIZEABLE REPRESENTATION OF KUWAITI STUDENTS.  
JABER AL-ALI SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY  
AUTHORITIES ABOUT THIS MATTER.

4. COMMENT: AS JABER AL-ALI'S ATTITUDE DEMONSTRATES,  
GOK DOES NOT REGARD KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN WORLD YOUTH  
FESTIVAL AS SERIOUS MATTER BUT RATHER MORE AS A LARK FOR  
SOME YOUNG KUWAITIS. GOK HAS BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO CURTAIL  
TOO SEVERELY THE ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE KUWAIT  
WORKERS CONFEDERATION TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS  
ORGANIZATION IS NOT CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN  
FACT, JABER AL-ALI SUGGESTED THAT SOME OF THEIR ACTIVITIES,  
AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE RECENT ARAB CONFEDERATION OF  
TRADE UNIONS MEETING HELD IN KUWAIT, RESULTED IN MAKING  
THEM LOOK FOOLISH.

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